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### **Cops and Kids Program Make Christmas Possible for Kids in Need**

Monday, December 21, 2015 (*Siloam Springs, Ark.*) This year's Cops and Kids shopping event will begin tonight at 5:00p.m at the Siloam Springs Walmart Supercenter located at 2901 Highway 412 E in Siloam Springs.

Approximately 30 children and their families will meet and shop with Siloam Springs Police Department officers, civilian employees, spouses, and their family members. The children will be given a set amount of money to spend: half of the money will go towards purchasing necessities such as clothes, shoes, hats, gloves, etc. while the other half will go towards purchasing wants such as toys, games, bicycles, etc. Children will also be given additional money to purchase a gift for another child.

Once the shopping is completed, everyone will go to the Siloam Springs Police Department to exchange the gifts they purchased for each other and have milk and cookies with Santa.

In a joint effort between the Siloam Springs Police Department and the Siloam Springs Regional Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68, officers, civilian employees, spouses, and family members donated their time over the past two weekends to collect donations for the Cops and Kids program, in order to provide a better Christmas to children who may not have Christmas at all.

Due to the tremendous generosity of the Siloam Springs community, the Kiwanis Club, and La Z Boy employees, over \$6500 in donations were received this year which almost doubled the amount raised in 2014.

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